

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
WESTERN DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
v.	)	Case No. 22-00244-01-CR-W-BP
	)	
DERONE D. GIPSON,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	

**ORDER (1) ADOPTING REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION AND (2) FINDING  
DEFENDANT COMPETENT TO PROCEED**

In November 2023, Defendant Derone Gipson was ordered to undergo a competency evaluation. (Docs. 43, 44.) He was examined by Kristin Conlon, Psy.D., who found he is competent to proceed with this case. (See Doc. 50.) On February 29, 2024, the Honorable Jill A. Morris, Magistrate Judge for this District, held a hearing; the parties stipulated that Dr. Conlon would testify consistent with her report and offered no other evidence. (See Doc. 55.) Thereafter, Judge Morris issued a Report and Recommendation, suggesting Defendant be found competent to proceed. (Doc. 53.) No party levied an objection, and the time to do so has passed. See Local Rule 74.1(b). The Court has conducted a de novo review of the Record (including Dr. Conlon's report), and it agrees with Judge Morris's conclusion. Accordingly, the Court **ADOPTS** the Report and Recommendation in its entirety and **FINDS** Defendant competent to proceed.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

DATE: March 20, 2024

/s/ Beth Phillips  
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BETH PHILLIPS, CHIEF JUDGE  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT